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CDS Announcement

Phase Three of RDA Changes to Name Authority Records

In April 2013, the Library of Congress and the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) successfully implemented the new Resource Description and Access (RDA) cataloging standard. To assure compliance with RDA, LC conducted a series of updates to the LC/NACO Authority File (LC/NAF) and to the corresponding bibliographic records in the LC database. Notices about the changes and updates were posted. (See links listed at the end of this announcement.)

Subsequent deliberations with members of the PCC resulted in the formation of the *PCC RDA Authorities Phase 3 Task Group*. The group is charged with planning and implementing changes to the LC/NAF that will programmatically bring the remaining portion of the LC/NACO Authority File into alignment with RDA as well as populate existing name records with additional enhancements whenever possible.

(See the Task Group charge and details of plans at:
<http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/rdaphase3/docs/>)

The Task Group's analysis identified several clean-up projects needed prior to final Phase 3 testing and implementation; therefore, the Task Group split the project into two distinct phases:
Phase 3A and Phase 3B.

Phase 3A involves the following categories of changes:

- Changes involving the music medium of performance statement (subfield \$m)
- Changes involving subfield \$c of personal names
- Adding a 667 note to undifferentiated personal names records
- Re-formulation of any field 678 not suitable for public display, as 670 fields.
- All changes to the 1XX previously defined for Phases 1 and 2 that were created subsequent to those phases
- Evaluation of the contents of the 370 field
- Replacement of obsolete indicators with blanks, and removal of unnecessary terminal punctuation

Additional enhancements to the name records will include:

- Generate the 046 field as appropriate
- Generate the 382 field from certain music medium of performance statements

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A full description of each change can be found in the Task Group's report as noted above. Approximately 350,000 records will be changed in the LC/NACO master file at the Library of Congress. The changes will begin no earlier than December 1st and are expected to be completed by December 19th 2014. Distributions of no more than 30,000 records per day, five days a week, beyond the normal load will be sent to the NACO Nodes and MARC Distribution Service Name Authorities subscribers during that time.

Changes to the LC/NACO authority 1XX field will also in many cases necessitate changes to LC bibliographic records. LC expects to update and distribute those bibliographic records shortly after the Phase 3A changes to the authority records are complete in December.

Phase 3B, the implementation of RDA changes to all records not processed in Phase 1 or Phase 2, will not begin before June 2015.

We will continue to alert subscribers as plans finalize.

Previous RDA Change Announcements

Advance Notice: RDA Changes to Name Authority Records

<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/120425.pdf>

More Information on: RDA Changes to Name Authority Records

<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/120717.pdf>

Phase Two Begins For RDA Changes to Name Authority Records

<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/130305c.pdf>

Increased Bibliographic Record Distribution Resulting From RDA Name Authority Changes

<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/130320a.pdf>

Increase Bibliographic Record Distribution to Begin in April 2013

<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/130401c.pdf>

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